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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 29, 2006, claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 23-33 stand allowed. Claims 5, 9, 13-16, and 20 stand allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 17, and 34 are independent claims from which all other claims depend therefrom. Claims 1, 17, and 33-34 are herein amended.

Claims 1, 17, and 34 are herein amended to include the novel and allowable limitations of originally filed claims 5, 9, and 15. As such, Applicants submit that the case is now in a condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-12, 17-19, 21-22, and 34-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Woywod et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,366,844 B1).

As suggested, by the Office Action Woywod fails to teach or suggest each and every element of originally filed claims 5, 9, and 15. The limitations thereof are not included in independent claims 1, 17, and 34. Therefore, Woywod also fails to teach or suggest each and every element of herein amended claims 1, 17, and 34. Since claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 18-19, 21-22, and 35-38 depend from claims 1, 17, and 34, respectively, they too are novel, nonobvious, and allowable for at least the same reasons.

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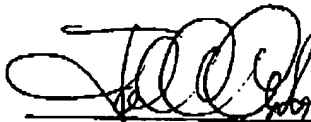
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In light of the amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the objections and rejections are now overcome. The Applicants have added no new matter to the application by these amendments. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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